

HISTORICAL FICTION

WORLD WAR II



The following titles are found in the **J Fiction** unless otherwise noted.

- Bauer, M **RAIN OF FIRE** (1983) Steve's friends doubt his brother Matthew was a hero when Matthew refuses to talk about his experiences in the war.
- Bishop, C **TWENTY AND TEN** (1952) Twenty school children hide ten Jewish children from the Nazis occupying France during World War II.
- Borden, L **THE GREATEST SKATING RACE** (2004) In the Netherlands during WW II, a boy's dream of skating in a famous race allows him to help two children escape to Belgium by ice skating past German soldiers and other enemies.
- Bunting, E **SPYING ON MISS MULLER** (1995) Thirteen-year-old Jessie, at a boarding school in Belfast, is suspicious of a teacher whose father was German.
- Cooper, S **DAWN OF FEAR** (1970) Three English children are fascinated by the war air raids but soon learn what true horror and fear are when they seek vengeance.
- Deedy, C **YELLOW STAR** (2000) Retells the story of King Christian X and the Danish resistance to the Nazis during World War II.
- DeJong, M **HOUSE OF SIXTY FATHERS** (1956) A Chinese boy escapes with his family from his home during the Japanese invasion only to be swept back alone by a raging river.
- Giff, P. **LILY'S CROSSING** (1997) During a summer spent at Rockaway beach in 1944, Lily's friendship with a young Hungarian refugee causes her to see the war and her own world differently.
- Giff, P **WILLOW RUN** (2005) When Meggie moves with her parents to Willow Run, MI, for her father's job in a B-24 factory, Meggie learns about different kinds of bravery.
- Hahn, M. **STEPPING ON THE CRACKS** (1991) In 1944 while her brother is fighting overseas in WWII, eleven-year-old Margaret gets a new view of the school bully Gordy when she finds him hiding his brother, an army deserter, and decides to help him.
- Kendall, J. **MAESTOSO PETRA** (2010) A Lipizzaner stallion trains to perform in the Spanish riding school and is hidden during the German Nazi occupation of Austria in WW II.
- Kerr, J **WHEN HITLER STOLE PINK RABBIT** (1971) A 9-year-old Jewish girl and her family travel from Germany to England in the early 1930's.
- Kudlinski, K **PEARL HARBOR IS BURNING** (1991) After Frank moves to Hawaii, he is miserable until he befriends a Japanese-American boy, but their friendship is put to the test when Pearl Harbor is bombed.

- Lowry, L **NUMBER THE STARS** (1989) During the Jewish occupation of Denmark, Annmarie learns to be brave when she helps shelter a Jewish friend from the Nazis.
- McSwigan, M **SNOW TREASURE** (1942) Under the watchful eyes of the Nazis, Peter and his friends smuggled gold from their Norwegian village to a ship bound for America.
- Mochizuki, K **BASEBALL SAVED US** (1993) When his family is forced to live in an internment camp, a Japanese-American boy relies on baseball to get him through it.
- Morpurgo, M **WAITING FOR ANYA** (1990) Jo must keep the secret of the Jewish children being hidden on a widow's farm, but when the German soldiers move into the village, the danger becomes much more real.
- Napoli, D **STONES IN WATER** (1997) After Roberto is taken by German soldiers from a local movie theater along with other Italian boys, including his Jewish friend, he is forced to work in Germany and escapes to the Ukrainian winter before trying to make his way back home to Venice.
- Orlev, V **ISLAND ON BIRD STREET** (1983) A Jewish boy lives by himself in the Warsaw Ghetto where he must learn all the tricks of survival.
- Peck, Richard **ON THE WINGS OF HEROES** (2007) Davy finds life in his small Illinois town has changed with the war, especially when his older brother joins the Air Force.
- Reeder, C **FOSTER'S WAR** (1998) Foster is left behind to deal with the battles at home when his older brother joins the army to escape their authoritarian father.
- Rodman, M. **JIMMY'S STARS** (2008) In 1943, when eleven-year-old Ellie's brother, Jimmy, leaves to fight in World War II, he promises to return, asks her to keep the Christmas tree up and reminds her to "let the joy out."
- Salisbury, G **UNDER THE BLOOD RED SUN** (1994) Tomi's life in Hawaii drastically changes after the Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor.
- Whelan, G **BURYING THE SUN** (2004) In Leningrad in 1941, when Russia and Germany are at war, Georgi vows to help his family and his city during the terrible siege.
- Yep, L **HIROSHIMA: A Novella** (1995) A twelve-year-old Japanese girl describes the death and devastation of Hiroshima after the bombing.

SERIES WALL

- Diaries-Dear **MY SECRET WAR** (2000) Madeline's diaries for 1941-42 reveal her experiences living on Long Island during World War II while her father is away in the Navy.
- Diaries-My Name **JOURNAL OF BEN UCHIDA** (1999) Ben Uchida keeps a journal of his experiences as a prisoner in a Japanese internment camp in Mirror Lake, California during World War II.